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Wagner College
Stapleton, Staten Island, N.Y.
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Sir Robert Falconer
President of the University of Toronto
Toronto, Ontario.

My dear Mr President

Permit me to ask your kind assistance in the following matter. I have accepted a position at Wagner College as professor for Greek. It is now my great desire to have Mrs Benzinger join me here. I am just on the point of forwarding my application to the Department of State for a permit of immigration that would enable Mrs R. Benzinger and our friend, Miss Dougard Knoche, who has been engaged to marry my second son to enter the country. President Cyrus Adler of the Dropsie College in Philadelphia who kindly gave me a statement for the Department of State wrote in his letter to me: "It is my opinion that it would be advisable for you that you should have a statement from the authorities of the University of Toronto". I therefore ask you whether you would be kind enough to provide me with such a statement and recommendation.

Very sincerely yours

J Benzinger

December 3rd, 1919

Professor A. Benzinger,
Hayner College,
Stapleton, Staten Island, N.Y.

Dear Professor Benzinger:

I am sending you a statement which I hope will be of value to you. I am glad to know that you have accepted a position as Professor of Greek and that you are now in a position of being able to ask Mrs. Benzinger to join you.

I had not heard that your son had died. Allow me to express to you my deep sympathy with you in this bereavement.

Yours sincerely,

President.

December 7th, 1919

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have much pleasure in certifying that Dr. Immanuel Benzinger was appointed to the staff of the University of Toronto in the autumn of 1912 as Associate-Professor of Oriental Languages. He was promoted to a full professorship in 1913, and resigned his position in the University on the 1st of January, 1915. During the period in which Dr. Benzinger was on the teaching staff of this University he gave thorough satisfaction as a teacher and was recognized by his colleagues as a distinguished scholar.

Owing to the outbreak of the war Dr. Benzinger resigned his position, acting at the time in a thoroughly honourable way and carrying with him the esteem of those who had met him in the University. I am glad to know that he has secured a permanent position as Professor of Greek in Wagner College.

Presidents,
University of Toronto.